

## MAYOR WILLIAMS' WARD 8 END OF THE SUMMER UPDATE - 2005



### 800 New Jobs at Gallery Place Welcomed by Mayor Williams

In May, **Mayor Williams** welcomed 5 major new retailers: **Clydes**, celebrated its downtown DC location; **Aveda** Institute introduced their salon, spa, and school; **Lucky Strike**, the bowling/dining concept from Los Angeles was introduced as was **Zengo**, restaurant of renowned Chef Richard Sandoval. **Bed, Bath and Beyond** also announced that they would open a store in Gallery Place. Gallery Place is expected to generate **\$19 million** in sales and property taxes a year. **800 permanent jobs** are expected when construction is complete. **Looking for a new job or training? Call DOES at 202-724-7000.**

### Significant Economic Development Announced for Ward 8

Since the beginning of the year, **Mayor Williams** has announced several major, long-awaited development projects that will bring significant economic development to Ward 8. The **Camp Simms** site will be mixed use with 100,000 square feet of retail space and an anchoring Giant Food Supermarket, the first supermarket in the Ward 8 in 6 years. There will also be **77 units of housing, 14 of them affordable.**

On June 28, 2005, at a groundbreaking ceremony, **Mayor Williams** announced the **Anacostia Gateway Government Center**. The 3-story structure will be the headquarters building of DDOT and will also have office and retail space. The entire project will cost **\$75 million** and is expected to be

completed in 2007. Additionally the **Anacostia Main Street** project has received **\$260,000** for the revitalization of Anacostia storefronts and streetscapes.

### Major New Housing Continues to Come To Ward 8

Since 2001, **DHCD** has invested over **\$6.7 million in Ward 8** which will result in **506 new units** of affordable housing for low and moderate-income residents. These projects include:

1. Howard Hill Apartments,  
1341-1361 Howard Rd., SE --\$644,000
2. Oxford Manor Apartments,  
26-7 Bowen Road, SE --\$4,000,000
3. Savannah Heights Apartments,  
Savannah and 4<sup>th</sup> St., SE --\$980,000
4. W Street Apartments,  
1728 W St., SE --\$201,000
5. Danbury Street Town Homes,  
5-165 Danbury St., SW --\$942,000

Also the **\$92 million** HUD funded Hope VI **Henson Ridge** redevelopment project in Ward 8, when completed, will consist of **600 new homes and apartments** for low and moderate income renters and new homeowners. Located on Alabama Avenue and Stanton Road SE, Henson Ridge replaces the dilapidated former Frederick Douglass and Stanton Dwellings public housing developments. **Looking for one of these or another DCHA place to live? Call 202-535-1500.**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WARD 8?

#### Public Safety

Crime continues to decrease throughout the city and especially in Ward 8. Since 2004 it has **decreased 8%** in the ward for the period ending June 28, 2005. A contributing factor is the **13% crime reduction in the designated Hot Spots** in the ward in which MPD and other government agencies concentrate their resources to attack the conditions that foster crime.

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### Education

The **Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter Senior High School** will complete renovation and move into its new facilities on Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. & Howard Road, SE this month. This **\$3 million project** will renovate and add an addition to the historic Nichols School Building. Thurgood Marshall joins **WB Patterson Elementary School** in the Washington Highland's section as the second new school in Ward 8. Opening in November 2004, Patterson underwent a **\$23.4 million renovation** of the 78,000 square foot facility. **For more information about these, and other school buildings or school services, call 202-724-4222.**

### Recreation and Parks

On May 16, 2005, **Mayor Williams** joined with members of the DC sports community to celebrate the opening of the newly renovated ball fields at Ward 8's historic **Fort Greble Park**. The multi-purpose fields designed for youth baseball/softball, soccer and football, will have new turf, a scoreboard, refurbished lighting and other improvements. The project is funded by a **\$100,000 grant from Major League Baseball and the Player's Association** and nearly **\$400,000 from the DC Sports and Entertainment Commission**.

Additionally, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) continues to upgrade parks and recreational facilities throughout Ward 8. The following are some of the projects:

- Restoration of ball fields at **Ft. Stanton**;
- Restoration of the tennis courts at the **Barry Farm Recreation Center**;
- Restoration of the pool, roof and bathhouse at the **Congress Heights Recreation Center**. Also security lighting for the tennis and basketball courts was installed; and
- Restoration of the basketball and tennis courts at the **Ferebee Hope Community Learning Center** was completed in May 2005.

**For more information call DPR at 202-673-7665.**

### Don't Forget!

The **DC Free Summer Meals Program** for youth 18 and younger runs from **June 22-August 31, 2005**. **Call 202-463-6211** or visit [www.summeryouthprogram.dc.gov](http://www.summeryouthprogram.dc.gov) for more information or locations.

Applications are being accepted for the **Mayor's Advisory Neighborhood Commission Leadership Award**. **For more information call 202-442-8161 or go to [www.neighborhoodaction.dc.gov](http://www.neighborhoodaction.dc.gov).**

On days when the "heat index" reaches 95 degrees, there are **2 Cooling Centers** opened for District residents at **441 4th Street, NW** and **2000 14th Street, NW**. The DC Energy Office has fans for qualified residents. **Call 202-673-6750 for more information.**

**Don't forget to get your child(ren) immunized. School starts August 29, 2005. Call 202-576-7130 for more information.**

### DON'T LOSE THESE NUMBERS!

<b>General Information</b> (illegal dumping, trash collection/ leaf collection)	<b>202 727-1000</b>
<b>Immunizations</b>	<b>202 576-7130</b>
<b>DMV Services</b>	<b>202 727-5000</b>
<b>Metro, Bus/Rail</b>	<b>202 962-1234</b>
<b>Medicaid/Food Stamps</b>	<b>202 724-5506</b>
<b>DCPS</b>	<b>202 724-4222</b>
<b>Senior Transportation</b>	<b>202 724-5626</b>
<b>Tax Assistance</b>	<b>202 727-4829</b>
<b>Open Hydrant</b>	<b>202 612-3400</b>